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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF BLACK SHIELD, MISSION BX6842

1. CAMERA TYPE 1 (115-A), UNIT E, WAS USED ON BX6842. PROCESSING WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIELD.

2. THE DENSITY OF THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE IS THIN FOR THE FIRST THIRD OF THE MISSION WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE MISSION HAS MEDIUM DENSITY. RESOLUTION IS GOOD THROUGHOUT. THE BEST RESOLUTION IS ESTIMATED TO BE [ ] (BAR PLUS SPACE) AT OR NEAR VERTICAL ON SOME PORTIONS OF THE MISSION WITH THE CAMERA UNCAGED. 25X1

3. A YELLOW DESCOLORATION IS PRESENT ON THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE, THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. GOOD REPRODUCTIONS WERE PRODUCED. NO DIFFERENCE WAS NOTED BETWEEN THE ZERO PRIORITY COPY AND THE OTHER COPIES.

4. A ROW OF MINUTE MINUS DENSITY DOTS SPACED 2.6 INCHES APART, LOCATED 1.6 INCHES FROM THE EDGE OF THE FILM OPPOSITE THE DATA BLOCK, DEGRADE ALL AFT FRAMES. THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE NOTED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS.

5. SEVERAL MINUS DENSITY STREAKS ARE PRESENT IN THE AFT CAMERA RECORD. THEY CAN PROBABLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH DIRT IN THE SLIT.

6. THE 24 HOUR CLOCK IS FUZZY AND DIFFICULT TO READ. ALL OTHER DATA RECORDING WAS OPERATIONAL. A GOOD CORRELATION BETWEEN THE PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE INS DATA WAS ACHIEVED.

7. HEAT SPLICES ARE LOCATED BETWEEN FRAMES 293/296 AND 625/DISTRIBUTION 278. THERE IS AN ULTRA-SONIC SPLICE IN FRAME 800. LAST TITLE FRAME IS 826.

8. CLOUDS OBSCURE APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF THE MISSION.  
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